India's initiatives with the UN Security Council members on ending the Gulf War

*75. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India had initiated and discussed with members of the UN Security Council some ideas about the means for achieving a peaceful solution of the Gulf crisis after the war broke out; and

(b) if so, what specific ideas were put forth and discussed and what was the response of respective members and of the UN Security Council thereto?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, India consulted the Members of the Security Council on the basis of certain ideas for ending the war and restoring peace. The main thrust of our proposal was to seek suspension of hostilities simultaneously with the withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait in accordance with a time-bound programme of total withdrawal.

Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation with the Soviet Union

*76. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Treaty of Peace, Friendship and Cooperation of 1971 has benefited both India and the Soviet Union;

(b) whether Government propose to renew this treaty;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(d) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative the reasons therefor?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR): (a) The Indo-Soviet Treaty has provided a reliable framework for the steady growth of our friendsip and diversification of mutually beneficial cooperation, and for promotion of peace in our region and the world as a whole.

(b) and (c) Under article XI of the Treaty, it is automatically extended for successive periods of five years each, on the completion of the initial 20 year period in August 1991.

(d) Does not arise.

Effect of oil slick and Gulf war on the India Environment

*77. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the fallout of the Gulf war and the oil slick will adversely affect India in the months of April to June; if so, whether Government have closely monitored these developments in the Gulf;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Department of Environment have opined that the oil slick in the Gulf will not have any effect on Indian coastal waters if so, what is the basis of such opinion;

(c) whether Government are aware that environmental experts the world over feel that the excessive heat generated by sustained bombing by the Allied forces will affect the Asian Environment; if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) what steps Government are taking to protect the Environment and to prevent the oil spill entering the Arabian Sea?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The environmental impact of Gulf War on India is being closely watched. The data available so far and the analysis done shows no cause for immediate concern. However, the situation